ringing of the court house bell al- zation has, so far as bnown, has ways used to tell the people something was doing failed to bring out a quorum, and I think it died a nat-

Subsequently, during 1920, there shot across Mt Sterling's horizon, and in one of Mt. Sterling's advanced thinkers, who in some time had gotten it under his epidermis, inocwlating his system with the idea that Mt. Sterling had the latent talent, but had never had a successful Commercial Club, and that no man or set of men had arisen importantly enough to make a success of a Com-· mercial Club, he took under his wing a chosen few of Mt. Sterling's bright lights, and with them assembled at the Delicious Cafe, where wit and humor, soup and coffee flowed in profusion, the Chamber of Commerce was born. I have since bene a member of the Chamber, but the only mail I have received since coming to Watertown has been a notice that my dues remained unpaid, and unless paid by a certain day, my name would be stricken from the roll, or automatically suspended, with a strong intimation that it would be no easy job to get a future enrollment, and suppose

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and incongravialities until the I'm out. As yet this infant organinot set the world on fire, but has entertained with semi-weekly luncheons and "Utelems" at six bits be-

fore you bite.

The president did announce that heretofore Mt. Sterling had been unable to support a Commercial Club, or do any, big things, and that the Chamber of Commerce was not organized to do big, but little, things, very much adverse to the ordinary man's way of thinking, and while I don't speak for the record, only street talk, have heard that some "welcome" signs had been nailed up along the principal street coming into the city, but that a number of them had been brought in and were adorning some back and vacant lots, not being able to stand up, and that through his influence with the City Council he had succeeded in putting off of one of the street corners a peanut roaster operated by one of our world war veterans; that the town or court house clock, which had been unable to show the time of night, using his influence with the county commissioners has had four "Dimolites" laced around its face, so that when you look at it after dark it reminds you of a "Tin Lizzie" stranded on the hillside or the moon in eclipse. In talking about it a few days before I left home with one of our most distinguished lawyers and judges, he said, "What is the matter with the town clock, it never strikes any more?" I said, Well, I have been wondering why I never heard that familiar tone, but was ashamed to mention it, for fear some one would say I was getting old and deaf," when he assured me what a delight it had always been to him to listen to its ring, but for a long, long time it had ceased to function and the pleasure it had acorded him when it did ring out the hours both day and night was only a sweet membrance. I began to think about its purchase by one of our distinguished judges long since gone to his reward, and I am sure the buying of the clock was one of the things mentioned when he appeared before St. Peter, when aska great clock it was, second to none, save it be the famous Strausbourg clock, when it suddenly occurred to me, and I said, "She has gone on a strike, trying to keep in style with the thousands of smart people and ry to keep up with the procession and it now occurs to me the only thing to do is to mention the matter to the president of the Chamber of Commerce, and he will bring it before the Chamber and let it do some



ed to name a few of the good things failure of the clock's performing its crossing the river, and as we passed he did while here on earth, and what duty and perhaps we can once again under it it had a freight train ter will be promptly attended to. a hailstorm. When past Dobbs or When it is called to the attention of the Hudson, Hastings came in sight, lives too far on the outskirts of the Palisades on the Jersey side. city to hear it strike, and who has not yet been notified of its having taxi and at our stopping place, near gone on a strike or ceased to per- the postoffice and Pennsylvania staform its municipal and hourly du- tion and hotel. ties. Putting aside all frivolity, Mt. | While the heat was yet intense, Sterling has besides the things we were able to take in Coney Isnamed, according to her population, land, and many of its attractions, more hospitable people than most but the great army of bathers in the anywhere, has many churches, the sand and water bluffed us from takbest of schools, an up-to-date hos- ing a dip in the briny surf, but of pital, lovely parks, asphalt, brick all the pleasure resorts in the world and concrete streets, wholesale and I don't suppose Coney can be surretail stores equal to the best any- passed for a crowd and for its many where, is surrounded by mineral amusements of every conceivable springs, is on the trunk line of the form and design. We also went over C. & O. railway and the Midland to Staten Island, and out to Rich-Trail, both running from coast to mond Beach, to Bedloe's Island, coast, near the foothills of the Blue where the one lonely woman, the Ridge mountains, is the gateway to Goddess of Liberty, extends the the mountains and we most respect- torchlight to all who come across the fully extend a cordial invitation to Atlantic, and I have heard it said one and all to stop, look and listen many a poor soldier upon his return when you hit the city and see if I from the world war has sworn to truth and nothing but the truth.

> and stopped over at Albany, the Liberty" after a 3,000-mile ride capital city, on the Hudson, where from the other side of the Big Pond. we spent the night and next morning took the Washington drive for ed, subway and the Fifth avenue landed at the 42nd street landing. lie library, homes of multi-million-This boat has the capacity to carry aires, great stores, including Tif-6,000 people and we are sure we had fany's, where we saw the \$100,00 more than 4,000 that day, and the diamond, and the artificial singing Sam trains his officers to fight the the Democratic Club, art museum, battles of his country. Poughkeep- Central Park, and up to 185th street, sie, the home of Vassar College for and back via Riverside drive, pass-Girls; Isoning, where they keep the ing Grant's tomb and some of the law violators, they happen to catch, swellest apartment houses and and where they electrocute many of dwellings in all the world. We took then is the course of a year. At in some of the great theatres and by

big thing, by calling the county com- Poughkeepsie there is a Cantalever missioners' attention to the said bridge, one of the finest in the world, have the faithful old clock which reaching from one end to the other has been sounding the hours day and on it. . As we landed at Yonkers night for the past 60 years, with its a colored chorus sang some beautibell used as a riot alarm, ring out ful songs, and the pennies, nickels, its joyful notes to us older citizens dimes and quarters showered it like once more, and I am sure the mat- where the Goulds have an estate, the president of the C. of C., who and then the beautiful and grand

After landing we were soon in a

have not told the truth, the whole her that never again would he turn his back to her, and that no sight is We left Watertown for New York so heautiful and welcome as "Miss

We rode the surface cars, elevat-New York and after an all-day ride motor busses, passing the great pubride is one continuous panarama, bird, Lord and Taylors, Altmans'

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courtesy of our nephew saw one of the best theatres in the city.

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We made a short visit to friends at Roosevelt on Long Island and were in Jamaica, Hempstead and Freeport and crossed over Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges, spanning East river, and took a trip round Manhattan Island in a sight-seeing boat, leaving Battery Park up East river, through Hell Gate, and passing Arbuckles' coffee mills, ship

yards, houses of correction for boys and girls, the homes for old men and women, which adjoin, and where of evenings they are permitted to visit each other and talk over younger days, passing under 26 bridges, when you go through Speyten Devil Cut, out into the Hudson, and alongside the Palisades and Riverside Drive back to the starting point. After we got out into the Hudson there came all of a sudden a terrific electric rain and wind storm and for a time there was a

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